

Announcement
For the week of Dec. 3 2017

The lady's Sodality will turn out Dec 9th at the 4:30pm Mass with the reciting of the rosary at 4pm. There will not be a meeting after Mass.

ADVENT MISSION! Theme: There's No Place Like Home. Friday evening December 8th from 6 to 8pm and Saturday December 9th from 1 to 4:30pm. We'll celebrate Mass at 4:30pm. Dominican Father Nathan Castle, originally from Port Arthur, will lead a healing Advent journey.

Friday, December 15, 2017, All Aboard...."The Polar Express Train". All students, come and join us at the Polar Express Christmas Party.

Please pray for all our Military, all the Sick and Shut-In and their families.

Take home a copy of this week's bulletin for other announcements and information.

December 3, 2017

GOOD EVENING/GOOD MORNING PARISHIONERS, FAMILY, FRIENDS AND VISITORS! (PAUSE)

WELCOME TO OUR MOTHER OF MERCY CATHOLIC CHURCH. WE ARE IN THE PRESENCE OF THE LORD.

TODAY WE CELEBRATE THE FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT. KINDLY TURN TO YOUR NEIGHBOR AND EXTEND A GREETING OF WELCOME. (PAUSE 20 SECONDS).

BE GOOD STEWARDS OF THE PARISH, GIVE GENEROUSLY IN TODAY'S COLLECTION.

THEME: Today we begin the season of Advent, preparing for the day when we celebrate God becoming flesh, becoming Incarnate, becoming one of us. In doing so, we are called upon to prepare our hearts for Christ's presence in our lives. Every Christian's goal should be to reveal Christ to those we encounter. As we celebrate the First Sunday of Advent, let us think of how we can make his presence incarnate in what we say and do.

OUR CELEBRANT FOR THIS MASS IS:

(Priest Name) Fr. Noel Effiong, Pastor

4:30 P.M.–

7:00 A.M.-

10:00 A.M.–

AFTER THE OPENING PRAYER: We hear a lot about waiting today. With the Chosen People in exile, Isaiah humbly prays for God's saving presence. Feeling abandoned, the psalmist sings, "Let us see your face and we shall be saved." Saint Paul assures the Christians in Corinth that they have what they need from God as they wait for Christ's coming in glory. Finally, in Mark's Gospel, Jesus advises his disciples to be on the watch, like servants waiting for their master to return.

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

First Sunday of Advent

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Priest: As we begin this season of Advent, this period of waiting for the Lord to be born into this world, we lift up our prayers to the One we know will never abandon us.

Response: Come, Lord Jesus

- ◆ For the Church, that we might use this time of the holy season of Advent to prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ, we pray to the Lord...
- ◆ For world leaders, for an increased awareness that all power comes from above, we pray to the Lord...
- ◆ For those who feel abandoned and hopeless, that they may know the comfort of God, we pray to the Lord...
- ◆ For our community, from young to old, that we may appreciate the anticipation that is part of this Advent season, we pray to the Lord.
- ◆ For all who have died, especially, **Hazel Scott LaPoint, Ronald C. Allen and James Eaglin** and for the intention of this Mass, **R. A. Brown, Lovena and Edwin Wiltz, Rudolph Antoine, and Marie Haynes Charlton** may they glory in the **Lord** forever at the wedding feast of the Lamb, we pray to the Lord...
- ◆ For all the prayers that we hold in the silence of our hearts; for all our intention spoken and unspoken...*[pause for 10 seconds; the presider alone concludes...]*we pray to the Lord...

Priest: Eternal and Ever-present God, hear our prayers that we offer here today in humility and love. Grant them through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit one God for ever and ever.

TO ALL MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY

December 3, 2017

First Sunday of Advent

PLEASE WELCOME THE VISITORS

**ALSO PASS OUT THE CHILDREN'S
BULLETINS TO THE LITTLE ONES!**

Make sure that you sign the sheet in the book.

**Remember to take the count of those present at each Mass and
turn the count sheet in after the 10:00AM Mass**

This is very important. Secure collection after Mass

Second Collection

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